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by andrew phillips

Students criticize "leaders"

The Students' Society Executive was extensively criticized yesterday at an open meeting held in the Union ballroom for lack of initiative and failure to provide leadership.

Students ascribed the apathy and disaffection of McGill students to the inactivity of Society President Richard Pomerantz and External Vice-President Allan Tanny.

"If you guys really knew what the hell work is, you might wake up and start getting this university back into shape," said one student.

Pomerantz, explaining the Executive's position, emphasized the lack of "feedback" from students, saying, "We're not going to get up and talk for students that are financing us. We don't know what the students think."

This attitude was condemned as passive by questioners who demanded concrete action instead of rhetoric and "debating tricks". Pomerantz' description of the office of President as "basically a clearing house for information," was criticized by one student who stated that a secretary should deal with such clerical matters while "the President can go out and find out what the hell is relevant. Administrative work is not what we need."

Pomerantz' and Tanny's policy of waiting for student opinion to develop on its own was also criticized by *Daily* editor Tom Sorell who said, "I don't see how you can justify a policy of action that depends on other people's initiatives. It's simply not enough to wait around for students to tell you what to do."

Tanny tried to rebut charges of inactivity by stating that "I'm in that damn office eight hours a day." However, a student attacked this, saying, "If you're dealing with students an office

is not the place to be," and urging the Executive to get out and make contact with the students.

After an hour of such comments, Tanny stated, "I gather by this time that you don't like the system."

Recently-elected Internal V-P David Rovins opened the meeting with a ten-minute address outlining his differences with the other members of the Executive.

"I propose that it is fear and a well-justified fear that keeps Pomerantz and Tanny hostile towards me," he said. "I may uncover all the rot that goes on in the Students' Executive. I assure you, Mr. Pomerantz and Mr. Tanny, that I now dedicate myself to that task."

Rovins denounced "harassment" by the Executive, and lashed out at lack of cooperation and support for his proposals, stating, "I can't work with these two." Charging corruption and dishonesty, he said, "I'm of the opinion that the Students' Society should be disbanded and the money be given back to the students."

He attacked Myron Galloway, Secretary-Treasurer of the Students' Society, for "lying" to him, stating, "I'm going to recommend that you look for another job."

Maisonneuve Vending Services and the Executive's failure to force improvement in the quality of food served in the

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by amin kassam

Chinese doctors warmly received

About three hundred McGill students yesterday heard two Chinese doctors explain the respect which the people of China have for Dr. Norman Bethune.

Bethune was a Canadian communist who fought against the fascists in Spain and then travelled to China to help the Chinese in their struggle against Japanese imperialism.

While working with the People's Liberation Army, he discovered many new surgical techniques; for example, he was the first doctor to use blood transfusions on the battlefield, a system he introduced in the Spanish Civil War.

Dr. Chen Wen-Chieh, Deputy Director of the Blood Research Institute at the Academy of Medical Sciences in Peking, told the audience yesterday that medical workers and all people in China strive to follow Bethune's example.

He cited three examples of Bethune's exemplary spirit:

- his spirit of internationalism, as exhibited in his desire to join other peoples in their just struggles. Dr. Chen said that Chinese workers try to follow this example by going to other countries in medical teams to serve the people.

- Bethune's spirit of high responsibility to others and his unceasing efforts to develop the highest standards of care for others.

To demonstrate this, Dr. Chen described how Bethune always made sure that his patients were well-treated and trained other doctors, sharing his knowledge with them so that they might serve the people better.

Doctors in the People's Republic of China continue to maintain high standards of

responsibility towards their patients. For example, before using new medical techniques on patients, they try them out on themselves.

Thus, Chinese doctors attempting to use acupuncture for diseases first pierce their own bodies with the needles to ensure effectiveness.

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Here is the schedule of events for today's Bethune symposium:

Morning (10 am) Redpath Hall

- Kuo Ching-an, Department of Cultural Affairs, Embassy of the People's Republic of China

- Hazen Sise, an architect and close friend of Bethune, on Norman Bethune

- Robert Garry, Geography Department, U de M, on "China and Southeast Asia"

- Sam Noumoff, Centre for East Asian Studies, McGill, on "Continuity and Change in China"

Afternoon (2 pm) Redpath Hall

- Paul T. K. Lin, History Department, McGill, on "The New Man in Chinese Society"

- Dr. Chen Wen-chieh, Academy of Medical Sciences, Peking, and Dr. Ha Hsien-Wen, also of the Academy, on "People's Medical Health Work in the New China"

- K. A. C. Elliott, Biochemistry Department, McGill, "Conclusion — Exchange between Peoples"

Evening (8:30 pm) Leacock 26

Films on Acupuncture, Historical Relics Unearthed in China, and Life in China Today.



daily photo by harold rosenberg

ALLAN TANNY AND RICHARD POMERANTZ amuse themselves as David Rovins makes a point at an open meeting of the Students' Society during which students strongly criticized the Executive.

Executive . . .

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Union were also strongly criticized. "What we're getting is not food. What we're getting is shit," was the complaint of one student.

All three Executive members denounced Maisonneuve, but while Pomerantz and Tanny favoured a policy of maintaining good relations with the company to prevent further deterioration in service before its contract expires next July, Rovins recommended a tougher attitude of telling Maisonneuve what students really think of them.

A student who urged a

boycott of Union food services was supported by many others in the audience. Speaking to Pomerantz, the student asked, "Do you not agree that that would be more effective than the tactics you've been employing for the last five months?"

Pomerantz replied, "I'd have to say both yes and no to that," distinguishing between the emotional aspects, which he supported, and the legal ones, of which he had doubts.

David Rovins outlined a policy of prohibiting the selling of literature in the Union because of adverse student feeling, but later informed the *Daily* that a one-week "trial period" has been established during which groups will be allowed to sell literature only behind tables, with no pushing. Sales will be permitted as long as students are not bothered by the sellers.

Questioned about academic policy, Pomerantz admitted that there is "very little official policy

in that respect, but a lot of personal opinion." Tanny began to answer a similar question by describing the activities of the Academic Policy Committee, but was stopped by a student who said, "I'm not talking about committees, I'm talking about the general feeling."

Pomerantz asked for and was granted space in the *Daily* by Sorell for a regular Students' Society column, but one student objected that "you can't publicize nothing."

A student asked if the television which was removed from the Union lounge last year as part of a campaign against dope pushers might be restored. Building manager Frank Costi pointed out that the level of theft and violence in the Union has decreased since last year, largely as a result of the removal.

When a student asked where the television was now kept, a short discussion ensued between Pomerantz, Rovins, and Costi, which revealed where the missing set now rests: on the fourth floor of the Union, in Richard Pomerantz' bedroom.

TODAY

LUNCH-TIME FORUM: David Jacobs on the Baha'i Faith, Faculty of Religious Studies, 3520 University; Junior Common Room, 1-2.

ARMENIAN STUDENTS' CLUB: Union 307, 1-2. Bring your lunch. All welcome.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT DRAMA PROGRAMME: The Serpent. \$1.00 Union Box Office or at the door. Moyse Hall, Arts Bldg, 8:30 pm.

DEBATING UNION: Meeting of all members. Union B-42, 7:30 pm.

STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION SOCIETY: Introductory lecture on Transcendental Meditation of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. No admission charge. All are welcome. Leacock 226, 8 pm. Information: 871-1298.

CAMPUS LEGAL AID: Free legal advice and service. Union 412, 1-10.

FREE TELEGRAM SERVICE: Via Amateur Radio. Forms available at Union Box Office, Union 401, or phone 392-8942.

RED AND WHITE REVUE: Auditions for a baritone for Red & White. Red & White office all day. Call 392-8989 or 844-8075.

DAILY PRAYER: Sponsored by Catholic Chaplaincy at McGill. L12, 1:05 pm.

COMMUNITY MCGILL: Week-day, female buddy for 23 yr. old male outpatient of the Allan. Union 414, 392-8980. 12-2.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: First in a series on the Letter to the Ephesians with Peter Richardson. Union 457, 7:30 pm.

CHESS CLUB: Why are chess players likened to lost souls? Find out. Union B-24, 1-3 pm.

FILM SOCIETY: Horror Festival: Repulsion. L132, 7 pm. Kwalton. 9:30.

CHINESE STUDENTS' SOCIETY: Mr. Purdon of the Immigration office will give a talk on "Prospects of Immigration". L26, 8 pm.

ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY: Redpath Museum basement for work on project. 3:15 pm. Prof. P. F. McCullagh speaking on Roman Africa. All welcome. L525, 7 pm.

PLAYERS' CLUB: Come see an improbable farce in three acts. Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit. Tickets at Union Box Office, \$1.50. 8:30 pm. Union Theatre.

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Speakers will be:

10:00 A.M.

Mr. Kuo Ching-An

Dept. of Cultural Affairs
Embassy of The People's Republic of China

Mr. Hazen Sise F.R.A.I.C.

Dr. Robert Garry, Dept. of Geography Uni-
versity of Montreal

Prof. Sam Noumoff, Centre for East Asian
Studies, McGill University

2:00 P.M.

Dr. Paul T. K. Lin, Dept. of History, McGill Uni-
versity

Dr. Chen Wen-Chieh, Academy of Medical Sci-
ences, Peking

Dr. Ha Helen-Wen, Academy of Medical Sci-
ences, Peking

Dr. K. A. C. Elliott, 1st Bethune Exchange Prof.

8:30 P.M.

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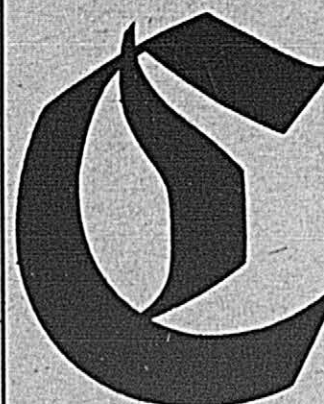
Life in China today

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION—392-5491

A.S.U.S. ELECTIONS

Nominations are extended for the position of U1 Representative on the A.S.U.S. as only one nomination has been received for that position. Nominations must be signed by 25 members of the nominee's class and counter-signed by the candidate. Nominations must be submitted to the A.S.U.S. Box in the Student Council Office by Friday, Nov. 26 at 4:00 P.M.

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by marsha fine

Senate falls asleep

At a singularly dull meeting yesterday, McGill's distinguished senators lulled each other into afternoon naps.

The sleep, however, was occasionally interrupted by Senate business.

Principal Bell first called attention to a new, "sharper" letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the much-debated "Réseau Report." In the letter, Bell expresses the dissatisfaction of McGill administrators and senators with the proposed policy-making and power structures linking Quebec universities and the government. The full text of Bell's letter is reproduced elsewhere on this page.

During the question period (in which questions submitted by senators are debated for a maximum of 30 minutes each), Bell and student senator Richard Hart discussed the question of student representation on the Board of Governors, a topic which failed to provoke much reaction from other senators.

McGill's Board of Governors has 35 members, most from the business community. It makes the final decisions on motions passed by Senate and on all financial proposals (i.e. the budget).

According to a formula which both Bell and Hart have discussed before, but which is not being dealt with as quickly as they would like by the Board, the maximum foreseeable number of student representatives is three. One would be chosen from our own Senate, one from the Students' Society, and one from among the graduate student population.

However, Bell seems to feel that only one student will ultimately be seated on the Board.

Hart also introduced a motion to establish a committee to review tuition fees, in order to make the university "more truly representative". Amongst other things, the committee would discuss the proposed fee hike for the foreign students. Bell suggested having some Board members on the committee to help with the financial side, but Engineering Dean George d'Ombrain argued that these senators might discuss the fees too much in terms of finances, not academics.

Then Senate slid into debate of the Planning Commission Report, which in part concerns the budget. Vice-Principal Stanley Frost, "by way of introduction", talked about autonomy — "McGill has always been bounded by certain commitments and obligations," he declared, and these will become "more obvious" in the

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The following are photostats of a letter sent by McGill Principal Robert Bell to Education Minister Guy St-Pierre in regard to the so-called "Réseau Report". The Report seems to call for a greater centralization of control over Quebec universities in the hands of the Ministry, on the grounds that the Ministry is responsible for "the production of the human resources of society".

The letter appears here in slightly abridged form.

The Hon. Guy Saint-Pierre,
Minister of Education,
Government of Québec,
Parliament Buildings,
Québec, Qué.

Dear Mr. Minister,

At a recent meeting of CESIGU, representatives of the universities were given a document entitled "Le rôle du Ministère de l'Éducation dans l'enseignement supérieur québécois et les incidences de ce rôle sur le système d'information de gestion du réseau universités-gouvernement: Positions du Ministère d'Éducation", dated the 13th October, 1971. They were asked to elicit comments on this position paper from their home institutions. A little later, the same document reached me from M. Louis Rousseau. His letter of transmission said "le ministre de l'Éducation a déposé un texte qui peut vous intéresser à plus d'un titre. Il me fait plaisir de vous le transmettre". The letter did not ask for comments.

Close attention has been paid to this document at McGill. It has been presented to the university's Planning Commission and to a Committee of Deans, and has been the subject of a considerable discussion in the university's Senate. Some of the comments made by individual senators were extremely strong, and reports of them may have reached you already via the newspapers. This reply therefore has a good deal of consultation behind it.

We consider your document extremely important. Since the creation of your Ministry in 1964, new relationships have been evolving between government and the universities, and it will be extremely useful to have a document summarizing the Ministry's thinking on these relationships. In your speech of September 17, 1971, you referred to the universities of Québec as the government's "partners" in higher education. We are certain that you did not mean silent partners, and we therefore welcome your Ministry's invitation to comment freely on this position paper.

There is deep disquiet over the whole tone and direction of the paper, extending both to things that are said in it and things that are left unsaid. Taken literally, the paper would leave little to the

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universities but the carrying out of narrowly-defined tasks on the instructions of DGES. Almost no attention is given to the Conseil des Universités, and the amount of academic planning that can be done by the universities themselves, either singly or jointly, is extremely small, if the document is taken at face value.

I wish to draw your attention to some of the specific points in the document that disturb people at McGill.

Ambiguities in the Concept of a Network of Higher Education

The term "network" is useful for describing the inter-relationship amongst the autonomous institutions which share with the government the responsibility for providing higher education in Québec, with the government assuming a special responsibility for coordination. It may be asked, however, whether the organization chart on page 8 and the commentary on it on pages 6 and 7 describe a "network" in this sense. The language that is used, and the predominance of arrows that point downwards from the ministry to the universities, suggest rather a strongly centralized system in which subsidiary institutions are directly controlled by government.

We are informed that "the Ministry reserves to itself the strategic planning, global or sectorial, related to the general objectives (of higher education), as well as the establishment of rules and norms". Does this mean that the universities, as institutions, have no role to play in the elaboration of plans for higher education? The Ministry's own actions belie the language used in this sentence, for in fact DGES has concurred with the Conseil des Universités in consulting the entire university community (as well as other elements in society) about the definition of "general objectives" and in consulting each university about the role it wishes to play in attaining these objectives. Surely it is unwise to use language that has a centralizing and authoritarian ring to describe the policy-making behaviour that incorporates important participation and pluralistic elements. It is difficult to see how the universities can be the "autonomous institutions" referred to by your deputy minister in his speech cited on page 2 if they are to be excluded from the planning of higher education, as implied by the paragraph I have cited.

How is the role of the universities described, by contrast? We are told that one of their responsibilities is to present programmes. It should be noted that the universities already possess this power as chartered institutions of higher learning, although the document states that it is left to them by the Ministry. Once again, we must ask whether this phraseology really expresses your approach to the universities of Québec.

Programme Budgeting

The wording of the only other paragraph that specifies the role of the universities is much less open to question, but it contains other

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difficulties. We are informed that "each university possesses the total and exclusive control of the execution of its programmes, in particular, in the choice of the means it employs". Just previously, however, it is stated that the Ministry retains the responsibility for allocating resources to approved institutional programmes. In fact, the universities cannot enjoy the freedom to choose the means of executing programmes if the funds they are to use for each programme are set by the Ministry. The universities' choices are real only if they can allocate a global sum of money amongst many programmes and objectives. McGill's strong belief is that the public interest will be best served by minimizing the direct financial controls exercised by government over detailed university operations, so that the judgement of experienced university staff members, who have chosen higher education as a vocation, may have ample scope.

Registration Controls

Disquiet concerning the possibility of rigidly centralized budgetary control is not allayed by the references on page 9 and 10 to a further set of direct controls over admissions to professional faculties. Few economists or demographers believe they can make reliable forecasts of the manpower needs of particular professions three years ahead (i.e. the average duration of a first professional degree programme). Even if a high degree of certainty were attainable, providing students with career information and guidance can often accomplish the same ends, without a severe restriction of their freedom of choice.

Research

The document distinguishes between the role of government respecting applied research and fundamental research. For the former, the inter-ministerial Committee of Scientific Policy will set priorities, define major research programmes, determine grants and be responsible for concerted action with other levels of government and private enterprise. For fundamental research, block sums will be set aside, their size being determined perhaps by taking a percentage of university operating grants, perhaps by fixing a fraction of Québec's GNP.

Three worries have been expressed on this subject. First, sufficient independence must be assured to researchers in applied fields to ensure that not all their investigations have to conform to government decisions on research. Secondly, McGill believes that the best returns from research are obtained by making research grants to individuals or teams of researchers. Thirdly, we believe strongly that universities, and individual scientists and scholars, must continue to be free to solicit and accept research grants from bodies other than the Government of Québec, and particularly from the Government of Canada.

Access to SIGU

In two places (page 5 and page 12), the document refers to the use the Ministry plans to make of the data provided by CESIGU and of

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the systems it plans to erect on the basis of these data. The absence of any mention of use by the universities does nothing to allay fears that a highly centralized direct control system is being substituted for the much more flexible concept of a network.

Conclusion

I realize, Mr. Minister, that some of the interpretations which can be put on sentences or paragraphs of this document may not fully reflect the intentions of the Ministry. Indeed, I have suggested that current practices are not nearly as rigid as the language of this document implies. I nevertheless would not be giving you an honest report of McGill's reactions to the document if I did not make you aware of the feelings of dismay expressed about many sections of it, and urge that a revised version of it be drafted to clear up ambiguities and remedy omissions. We feel it essential that we should be true partners, as you yourself have said.

Finally, in the present document and in many previous discussions, we have the impression that your Ministry may be putting too much emphasis on the universities as producers of trained manpower, and not enough on their cultural and social role. In particular, there is little mention of the question of responding to the individual wishes of the students and the public. If universities did not exist, we would have to invent them for these reasons alone.

Yours sincerely,

R. E. Bell

Letters

important issues based on personal convictions and beliefs. If everyone disagrees with these stands, I'm sure the executive will hear about it. Could it be that the executive has no convictions? Could it be that certain forceful stands proposed by our leaders might jeopardize their potential future positions in the business world, a world where rocking the boat is not looked upon too kindly?

Executive involvement and leadership might well eradicate some of that student apathy we keep hearing about and increase student involvement on all levels. Also, some responsibility lies with the executive to make more of an effort to find out what the student body is thinking.

The charges made by David Rovins, a sometimes over-emotional, but certainly courageous individual, were not satisfactorily answered. The general impression I got was that Pomerantz and Tanny think of Rovins as an overly-excitable idiot (he was told several times to shut up by Pomerantz) who has no right to question them on their methods or to participate in the running of the Society. It seems to me that the lack of cooperation Rovins has received is inexcusable and that Pomerantz, Tanny and Galloway (the Geffken Report, whether officially accepted by Council or not should, I believe, be made public — replies to the charges raised in this report are certainly invited) have a responsibility to the student body to answer a few of the questions he has raised — and to answer them in the *Daily* so that we can all appreciate the entire situation.

Very little seems to have been accomplished by the executive so far this year and the students have a right to know why. If Pomerantz and Tanny took on the positions they now hold only to enhance their personal prestige and make contacts, they do not deserve to be there.

Phyllis Platt BA 4

Orange Daily?

Sir,

The purpose of this letter is to correct a misstatement which appeared in your article of Tuesday 23 by Anna Dowdall covering the speech given by Sean Kenny on the "Irish struggle."

The statement in question was — "According to Kenny, the Provisional IRA, a right-wing nationalist splinter group which the traditional IRA does not recognize, is receiving financial support from the Minister of Finance in Mr. Lynch's government."

The Provisional IRA does not receive any support financial or otherwise from Mr. Colley, the Minister of Finance in Mr. Lynch's government, or from any one else in Lynch's government for that matter. The point that Mr. Kenny made (and which was so obviously missed by your reporter) was that at one time a couple of years ago, there were grounds for belief that the Minister for Finance at that time, Mr. Charles Haughey, was indeed involved in providing financial support for the Provisionals (a fact which no doubt considerably irritated

Mr. Kenny and the 'Officials' or 'traditional IRA').

Any person knowledgeable in Irish affairs can immediately see how ludicrous a statement such as Dowdall's is. In the present state of affairs, despite the attempts of the forever anti-Irish British press and their Orange companions in Toronto to refute this, the truth of the matter is that Mr. Lynch has been very careful to eliminate all pro-IRA elements from his Fianna Fail party in Dublin.

Proof of this was his prompt expulsion from the party of the above-mentioned Mr. Haughey and those who sided with him when the news of the events surrounding the alleged arms deal with the Provisional IRA leaked out. Since then he has unflinchingly followed his party's policy of "re-unification of Ireland by peaceful means," and has dealt ruthlessly with those who have stepped out of line.

Therefore it is a gross untruth to implicate the name of Mr. Colley in the context that Dowdall has so ignorantly and irresponsibly done. Enough harm has been done to the Irish cause by the combined propaganda machines of Stormont and Westminster without adding the consistently inaccurate and damaging reports of the slanted news media on this side of the Atlantic.

Mise le meas,
Patrick Brennan

Ed. Note: The Daily admits the inaccuracy in Anna Dowdall's report pointed out by Mr. Brennan. But it is Brennan, not Dowdall, who has "missed the point" Kenny was trying to make. Kenny referred to this (former) financial link between the Provisionals and the reactionary Fianna Fail regime in order to show the true nature of the Provisionals — a "right-wing, nationalist splinter group". Kenny would certainly not be "irritated" by the existence of such links, for they only serve to confirm his judgment of the Provisionals.

Dowdall's report accurately conveys the sense of Kenny's remark. It would have been accurate as to detail if it had referred to financial support from the former Minister of Finance in Lynch's government.

As for our report doing "harm to the Irish cause", it all depends on who one takes as the representative of that cause: the reactionary, essentially racist Provisional IRA, or the Marxist regular IRA.

Irate over IRA

Sir,

In your report of Sean Kenny's speech at McGill yesterday, you stated that "he denied a charge that the I.R.A. was a militant catholic organization". The "charge" Mr. Kenny "denied" was, in fact, a question put by me. I simply asked him how he proposed to make the all-Ireland Republic which his party advocates, an attractive place for Northern Ireland's One-and-a-half million protestants to live, given the fact that they (quite rightly) fear Catholic deomination in the new Republic in which they would be outnumbered by a ratio of 4

to 1 by catholics. His answer: "We are not a militant catholic organization".

Not good enough! The Catholic Church in the Republic of Ireland has for a long time had a powerful influence on legislation in that country. This power is based on approval by the majority of the Republic's citizens, who are conservative catholics and who shudder at the thought of Mr. Kenny's Marxist colleagues taking power. This tradition of catholic influence is what Protestants fear. It will not disappear overnight simply because Mr. Kenny "is not a militant catholic". The answer to protestant fears lies not in a destructive civil war but in negotiated solution. Mr. Kenny should, therefore, devote more of his time to searching for an acceptable solution and less to the mouthing of meaningless slogans.

Gerald McKeever

"Canam Boy"

Sir,

I would not like to make a habit of replying to David Marcus Eibel.

Mr. Eibel's tedious diatribes in defense of Capitalism, and the United States — without whose "support", as he so wisely states, "Canadians would still be trapping beavers" — are seldom worth reading, let alone replying to.

His evangelical efforts in propounding his rather peculiar notions of what constitutes freedom and dignity — the latter a favourite word of his — speak for themselves, and should earn him at least an honorary mention as Nixon's prodigal "Canam Boy."

In his latest visionary manifesto, in the *Daily* of November 24, Eibel terms "pure unadulterated crap" Marlene Dixon's statement that the heaviest burden of taxation falls upon the working class.

Eibel goes on to say that "the heaviest burden of taxation falls upon those who make the bulk of the money", and that "the tax system is graduated so that those who earn large amounts of money will pay a correspondingly large amount of tax."

This notion that the rich bear the tax burdens of our society, is a popular fallacy, not confined to people impervious to reason like Eibel, and as such requires correction.

The recently published Special Senate Committee on Poverty, in its section on taxation, states quite bluntly that "the popular notion that our tax system takes from the rich to give to the poor is a myth."

The Report reprints a table from the Royal Commission on taxation that shows, for example, how 56.5 per cent of the income of those earning less than \$2,000 (before transfer payments) goes to paying taxes. If social security contributions are included, this becomes 60 per cent of their income. By comparison, those with incomes over \$10,000 pay only 37 to 38 per cent in taxes.

The report explains how Canada's property tax, theoretically a form of wealth tax, does not in practice function as such.

"Property taxes against landlords, for example, may be passed on to the tenants in the

form of higher rents."

In fact, the property tax, import duties, sales tax, and excises are all completely regressive because they are direct taxes on consumption — and the poor are hardest hit by them.

The Report also shows how personal income tax "discriminates heavily against large families, because although deductions are granted for each child, the deductions only partially recognize that the cost of supporting a family of seven is greater than the cost of supporting a family of three."

Even more important, the assets of an individual before taxation are not taken into account: a man who has an income of \$10,000 a year is taxed exactly the same as a man whose investment of, say, \$200,000, gives him an income of \$10,000 a year.

The Report concludes that "when tax revenues are used to finance government programs, the poor usually end up paying a greater proportion of their income than the rich for highways, transportation, education, etc.; but, in return, benefit less."

Do us all a favour, Marcus: next time you insist on boring us with your hollow and sickly rhetoric, confine yourself to subjects you know something about.

Nigel Gibson BA 3

PS: Marcus, if I were you, I'd check the backgrounds of the Senate Committee members. Why, if they aren't "commies", who are?

The universal solidarity of apathy

Sir,

The ISA is greatly discouraged by the response, or rather the lack of response, from the foreign students about the proposed fee hike. As you may know, the foreign students were being threatened by a fee hike of \$2,500. The ISA decided to run a petition to be signed and a questionnaire to be filled out by foreign students.

In order for our petition to be successful we needed a minimum of 2,000 signatures. To do this we placed ads in the *McGill Daily*, posters on bulletin boards, and had a desk in the Union Lobby every noon hour last week. Many of the students agreed that the fee hike was atrocious, but said they didn't care because they would be out of McGill by the time the fee hike came into effect. As for the Canadians, many of them don't give a damn, which is a sad reflection in this time of universal solidarity. So far we have collected 1,182 signatures.

The ISA can do the organizational work, and we can try to arrange meetings with the McGill administration and the Quebec government, but we cannot sign for the students. So in the future, when foreign students complain that we do nothing, we ask them to look at their response to a problem which affects them.

In view of the response, we will have the petition available to be signed in the ISA office — Union B40, and in the Students' Council office.

Hanusia Korwin-Lopuszanska
Vice-President, ISA

Boat-rockers arise!

Sir,

Not being in the habit of attending meetings of the Students' Society, but having read Wednesday's *Daily* article on the nature of our fearless leaders' activities, I sauntered up to the ballroom to see if the assertions made in the article were justified.

The main comeback of these two gentlemen to charges of lack of any significant accomplishment or strong leadership on their parts seemed to be the old bugaboo, student apathy. Lack of volunteers for committees and lack of candidates for elections seems to have burdened down the executive with so much extra work and responsibility that they've had little success accomplishing very much of any significance. Passing the buck, perhaps?

The reason, apparently, that Messrs. Pomerantz and Tanny have refused to take a stand on various crucial issues (strikes, Marlene Dixon's possible firing, Amchitka, etc., etc.) is that they don't feel they really have their fingers on the pulse of the campus well enough to gauge student opinion and speak for all of us. Traditionally, the position of an executive or leader has been that of policy-maker. The executive was elected to speak for the student body as a whole, true, but there will always be divisions of opinion in such a large and diverse group of people, and it would seem that the executive has both the right and the responsibility to take stands on

Let's make one thing perfectly clear

The Students' Society held its first open meeting of the year yesterday, leaving behind it several dozen Maison-neuve coffee cups, forty or fifty cigarette butts and the slick Pomerantz-Tanny come-on in about as many little pieces.

For Pomerantz and Tanny it was a particularly nasty business, the meeting getting off to a disturbing start when Internal vice-president David Rovins began to read a statement about the harassment he has encountered from the two. Pomerantz-Tanny had not even approached the speakers' platform, deciding instead to trade coy asides as Rovins made his points. They had expected to wash their hands of the meeting when it became apparent that the constitutionally required number of students had not turned up. They had intended to chalk up another victory for the bogus catchword which has accounted for their lasting this long unopposed: "student apathy".

The students who turned up for the meeting didn't know about constitutional requirements for open meetings, probably had only a vague idea of the charges Rovins was making against the president and external vice-president; but they were anxious to present grievances and ask pointed questions, and must have been confused as to why Rovins was the only one recognizing their presence. They demanded to be heard.

Pomerantz-Tanny complied. Pomerantz agreed to a question and answer period with all the innocence of a cherubic Fuller Brush salesman.

Pomerantz says that he and Tanny have spent the whole year looking for what he calls "feedback". They looked for it in the cafeteria. They looked for it on the union steps. They looked for it in the Student Council office. And they couldn't find it anywhere.

But where does "feedback" come from? Does it come from going out and speaking to students? Does it come from taking a stand on university issues like the firing of Marlene Dixon? Does it come from Council's taking a stand on academic policy and student decision-making within it? No, of course not. It just comes, if you only wait for it.

Pomerantz-Tanny admit just a little too quickly that they have done relatively little. After all, who is responsible? The students are. Pomerantz exploded at the students in the audience with a jabbing finger: You lady, have you offered your services as candidate (in the forthcoming Council elections) You! Have you come in to offer suggestions?

The students laughed. They demanded that Pomerantz-Tanny go out and meet with them; they demanded that they take

a stand on university issues; that Pomerantz abandon his preoccupation with bureaucracy and make decisions instead.

Pomerantz-Tanny have been providing pseudo-arguments for their inaction, claiming that they cannot frame policies without first consulting the students. Without this "feedback", the executive cannot consider their policies "representative". And so they berate students for their indifference.

But despite their avowals to the contrary, it is a matter of fact that Pomerantz-Tanny were elected to lead the Students' Society. They are nothing but "student representatives".

Pomerantz said several times yesterday that he agreed with the student proposals "emotionally", but not "logically". We might say that Pomerantz wants to make one thing perfectly clear: on the one hand he agrees, and on the other hand he doesn't.

Pomerantz has good reason to worry about his being representative, even if he has no good excuse at all for doing nothing. He was elected President of the Students' Society with only 747 votes.

But Pomerantz has had no qualms about "representing" students just about everywhere but at McGill. At the Saidye Bronfman Centre our president was called upon to comment on the Youth Report as a student leader. What was his position: on the one hand he agreed and on the other hand he didn't. He criticized the emphasis on youth in the report. He said that the aim of one of the Youth Report proposals ought to be to "encourage patriotism".

Similar speeches on different topics, but "on behalf" of students have been made by Pomerantz at some service clubs.

He has been a prominent member of platform parties during Sesquicentennial events, in particular Open House. During Open House, the Skydiving Club arranged to stage a jump onto the McGill campus. When the wind conditions were checked as a normal precaution, Pomerantz, the student "representative" said this: "Is another double-check absolutely necessary? The platform party has to go somewhere at 12:30".

Pomerantz is a manager. He has, as it is sometimes put, "connections". He has been employed by several large companies including Seagrams, and was instrumental in the setting-up of the McGill Student Entrepreneurial Agencies.

These are probably good credentials for someone concerned with summer jobs and Pomerantz made efforts this summer to get a good many of them for McGill students.

He failed, but he had his reasons.

In July 1967 Pomerantz was involved in another attempt to get summer jobs for students — this time by attempts at strike breaking: An article dated July 22 in the Montreal Star states that during a nation-wide postal strike; then Placement Director Rowan Coleman and "assistant-Richard Pomerantz" sent a telegram to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau suggesting a solution: "This summer there are thousands of university students without jobs who would be willing to move the mail."

"They are easily trainable, anxious to work, and can be mobilized on every university campus on short notice."

"We respectfully suggest that in this way an essential national service would be maintained by using the country's youthful resources."

Then principle of McGill, H. Locke Robertson in another telegram to Trudeau disassociated the university administration from the offer:

"The university does not take sides in labor-management disputes."

Robertson stressed that the suggestion was made by the placement service "without the knowledge or approval" of the university governing body.

L'union Générale des Etudiants du Québec (UGEQ) was even more explicit.

It called the proposal "stupid", and said it should never have come from people "whose first duty should be to act as leaders to youth." (emphasis ours).

Mr. Pomerantz seems to make enemies with the administration for the wrong reasons.

But let's return to yesterday's meeting. Pomerantz-Tanny were asked about policies in various areas of concern to students. Pomerantz-Tanny sidestepped the issue of just what policy initiatives were being made by Council; instead, they milked good old "student apathy" for everything it was worth.

The Students' Society has had difficulty filling posts on Senate committees. The culprits? Well, who else? Us, the students.

Pomerantz-Tanny made the mistake of taking credit for the Society's having student representation at all. The fact of the matter is that they had absolutely nothing to do with the "fight for representation". That success can only be credited to the Hyman-Hajaly-Foster administration and the students who risked what Pomerantz-Tanny wouldn't: reprisals arising from "telling the administration where to get off".

The Pomerantz-Tanny administration has functioned as nothing more than "care-takers". They insinuated that certain initiatives suggested yesterday in "feedback" from the students might

place the Society in financial jeopardy. It need hardly be pointed out that a position on the Marlene Dixon case would have cost not a penny to formulate. For all the innocent claims about "representing students", Pomerantz-Tanny have failed even to publicly take account of something happening across the street on the seventh floor of the Leacock Building.

Rumblings from the Student Council office have recently indicated that Pomerantz-Tanny and friends are going to take a stand on the Reseau report handed down by the Ministry of Education. But informal accounts of planned action are to say the least peculiar. These accounts indicate that Pomerantz-Tanny are going to "knock on corporate doors" (as Pomerantz has been known to say) to obtain support for the university. Whether these are still the plans of our "representatives" is like so many other things, unknown.

For their part, the students at yesterday's meeting came forth with encouraging suggestions for concrete action, despite intimidation from Pomerantz-Tanny (You! What have you done?). On Internal policy their proposals ranged from recommending a student-run cafeteria to partitioning of the Union ballroom to better use space in the student building.

But even more exciting were proposals yesterday to investigate means of framing policy which would address itself to student problems in the university environment and which would delineate a student position on increased participation and control of academic matters like hiring and firing.

Doubtless with an active student voice in such policies, the Students' Society could well come out with a more comprehensible student-based plan of action on the matter of responding to the Reseau report, a plan of action which would take account of new initiatives suggested in the final draft of Principal Bell's letter to the Ministry of Education.

Perhaps, God and Pomerantz-Tanny willing, a policy might be framed whereby Quebec-wide student action on the Reseau report and the interests it serves could at least be discussed.

So far the Pomerantz-Tanny duo seems to have been too busy worrying about who gets an apartment in the Union to be very concerned about these issues.

But it is doubtful that students will for very much longer allow these people to play games. It is not uncommon to slam doors on Fuller Brush salesmen.

Tom Sorell
Ze'ev Ionis

I received this letter a day or two after November 11, from the President of the Students' Society, Richard Pomerantz. As it was marked confidential and personal it is with deep reservation that I allow this letter to be published. I do so because I feel obligated to show the students of McGill what pressures I was under.

(signed) David Rovins,
INTERNAL V-P

Dear David:

With regards to your letter to the Editor (McGill Daily, November 11):

1) Probably you do not know the Finance and exec. committee have discussed the idea of a television lounge. It is physically unfeasible. You have studied the problem for 3 days. We discussed it & threw it around for 3 1/2 months. Inexperience can be good at times. It can't here. It's sheer lunacy & fraud. You are frauding students by making them believe you can do something you can't.

2) Independent Finance Committee. Not only impractical but probably destructive. To whom does this committee report. Is the democratic? Maybe in your

logical frame of reference.

3) (a) I have several academic problems. If I went to you with them I would flunk out for sure. Remember, I had to get you into 2 courses, not vice versa. So you don't represent me and a lot of others. Stop frauding the students.

(b) If you are seeing students with academic problems — where? How can you see kids in your office if you haven't been here since I bawled you out. Until I saw you at Council, I thought you quit again.

(c) So if you're seeing students, I ask again — where? Do you have another office?

Where and what phone number?

(d) You have 1 week to get all the Internal work done that was delegated to you. If it is not done then I will take appropriate action.

(e) Academic problems are Allan's. I am saying this once and only once. If you at any time infringe on Tanny's area of concern as External, I will reveal you to the public as a fraud. I will call for your resignation. And I can get that resignation Dave, for there is one thing that I know I can do for which you will have to resign. It is not an empty threat. Try me!

(f) You have alienated your-

self from the executive. Continue that and as you do, you will have lost any contact with anyone who would have been able to help you & to work along with you.

(g) The letter you wrote is fraudulent & deceitful. It lacked discretion and maturity. It demonstrated that you are no leader. The next few weeks will demonstrate just how incompetent you can become.

(h) You can change that by beginning to work along with your exec.

Dick Pomerantz

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FAUT QU'ÇA SORTE

Le Front Commun

Comme le mois d'octobre ne doit pas perdre sa réputation, les différents commentateurs autorisés affirment que le spectaculaire a fait place à une action aux conséquences politiques profondes. On parle d'alliance des syndicats, de nouvelle "conscience de classe" au Québec (1) et enfin de règlement de compte au PQ. Nous allons voir ce qu'il en est. Auparavant j'aimerais remercier Monsieur S. Ingerman, professeur d'économie pour avoir bien voulu discuter de ces nombreuses questions.

Nous avons en premier lieu un élément important soit le Front Commun FTQ, CSN, CEQ. Cette union semble principalement une alliance tactique créée par l'ampleur des problèmes existants dans le monde du travail, plus précisément les derniers conflits de la Presse, UQUAM, Université de Montréal et en prévision des négociations qui vont s'engager entre le gouvernement et les travailleurs du secteur public et parapublic affiliés aux trois centrales.

Il est intéressant de voir ce qu'implique cette alliance. Il serait faux d'y voir un changement de tactique de la

part des syndicats. Chaque conflit est un tout exploité individuellement. Dans chaque négociation il s'agit de retirer le maximum de la partie patronale. La question tant débattue a savoir si l'union est issue de la base ou des dirigeants syndicaux peut-être traitée comme suit. Dans une première phase la négociation se fait entre différents corps de métier à l'intérieur d'une même entreprise. Puis dans un deuxième temps la négociation se fait au niveau de l'entreprise, il se produit donc un regroupement des travailleurs afin de s'opposer avec plus de force et d'efficacité au patronat. Enfin, dans une troisième phase la lutte se transporte au niveau national et les différentes forces syndicales s'unissent. L'union provient de l'ensemble du mouvement syndical, sans différenciation entre base et dirigeants, dans le but d'atteindre une plus grande efficacité dans la négociation qui l'oppose au patronat.

Dans la conjoncture particulière que représente la société québécoise, il est possible d'identifier l'alliance des trois centrales avec un changement dans l'esprit du syndicalisme, changement due à la situation économique. Nous nous trouvons actuellement dans une situation où l'état est l'employeur le plus

important (capitalisme monopoliste d'état). L'état est donc dans la délicate position de patron pour une large proportion des travailleurs et arbitre dans de nombreux conflits qui requièrent son intervention. Si à cause de la situation économique (situation économique où l'état joue le rôle d'agent régulateur du marché, en imposant une limite aux hausses de salaires, en réglant le crédit et en favorisant par une politique d'investissement certains secteurs au détriment d'autres), l'état patron ne peut donner satisfaction aux demandes des travailleurs, les syndicats ont tendance à contester l'autorité et la compétence de l'état-employeur portant ainsi le conflit au niveau politique. C'est ce qui risque de se produire dans les prochains mois. Du moins les positions des syndicats au cours des dernières semaines semble l'indiquer.

Ces prises de positions sont inquiétantes pour la bourgeoisie et sont responsables en particulier des dissensions que nous voyons apparaître au PQ. Le Parti Québécois essentiellement issue de la moyenne-bourgeoisie, qui espère reprendre à son compte le gros "business" que représente le Québec, est incapable de souscrire aux appels

des dirigeants syndicaux. Croire comme le laisse entendre M. Claude Ryan dans son éditorial du mercredi 10 novembre, qu'il serait possible de former "au sein du PQ une gauche qui serait animée par des éléments venus principalement du mouvement syndical" est faux. Si René Lévesque était ministre du Travail, le problème demeurerait entier (la situation économique par contre pourrait être différente et ne pas donner naissance aux mêmes problèmes). Par sa contestation politique le mouvement syndical remet en question la gestion des entreprises, la gestion de l'entreprise capitaliste qu'est devenu l'état, donc le système dans son ensemble. On comprend qu'une telle contestation soit totalement aux antipodes de la position du PQ, et ne peut donc s'exercer à l'intérieur de celui-ci sans risque de créer de violentes oppositions.

Si le rapprochement PQ-syndicats ne se produit pas comme l'indique la situation présente et son développement probable, ceci porte automatiquement à considérer la formation éventuelle d'un groupement politique des travailleurs.

Philippe Faucher

Le p'tit mythe péquiste

Les mythes meurent lentement au Québec. Pour la "gauche" du PQ, un mythe vit de sa belle mort. Ce mythe? Transformer le PQ en parti ouvrier (parti de gauche, diraient ses prêtres). Et la base d'une telle profession de foi en le PQ, c'est l'élection de 6 députés péquistes dans les comtés ouvriers. Ainsi donc, ce fait électoral radicaliserait le PQ. Paradoxalement, celui-ci semble aller dans la mauvaise direction. Pourtant ce rêve continue de s'épanouir dans leur esprits errants, malgré la dure réalité du dernier congrès (novembre '70). Celui du 27 novembre prochain changera peut-être cette malheureuse situation.

Allons finis les rêves! Si en 1969-70 la thèse d'un PQ de gauche (ouvrière?) avait certains fondements, les réalités de '70 rendent celle-ci plus que ridicules.

Les travailleurs ne sont pas plus présents dans le PQ qu'en avril '70. Au contraire, Lévesque-Parizeau Co. font doublement sûr que ce phénomène ne se produise pas. Ce n'est pas un Bourgault siégeant à côté de Lévesque ou un Charron avec sa "qualité de l'indépendance" qui changeront cette tendance droitiste. Le PQ est un parti traditionnel plus proche des p'tits libéraux que des syndicalistes ouvriers. Et le fossé s'élargit.

Pourquoi alors ces "radicaux gauchistes" du PQ persistent-ils à y demeurer? Leurs rêves leur à peut-être donner des oeillets psychédéliques; ou encore, manquent-ils de temps (à cause du congrès?) pour analyser ce qu'est le PQ; ou pis encore, peut-être ne sont-ils que de p'tits intellectuels académiciens

qui ne veulent abandonner leur classe? S'ils étaient consistant avec ce qu'ils prêchent, ils verraient, à travers les événements d'octobre-novembre (y compris la déclaration de Lévesque sur les syndicats—9/11/71), le cul-de-sac qu'est le PQ et à quelle masturbation intellectuelle ils se livrent en jouant au PQ gauchisant.

Aussi opportunistes que peuvent être les leaders syndicaux, il n'en demeure pas moins que les syndicats ont poussés la lutte de classe au Québec à un nouveau sommet (celui de l'engagement politique) et sont devenus pour les travailleurs syndiqués une force de politisation réelle. C'est donc dire que, pour quelques temps à venir, les syndicats seront l'axe du développement de la lutte politique des travailleurs au

Québec, et occuperont, sur la scène politique québécoise, une place proportionnelle à leur engagement politique: c'est-à-dire celle de principale opposition au gouvernement Trudeau-Bourassa. Face à ces événements, le PQ c'est déjà du passé, et il devient de plus en plus évident qu'il fut, est et restera l'instrument de la moyenne-bourgeoisie technocratique.

À la lutte de classe à outrance qui se développe au Québec, les gauchistes marxistes du PQ n'ont pas de choix. Pour contribuer au renforcement de cette lutte de classe ils doivent abandonner le PQ. Sinon, ils seront de la réaction et de futurs Kerensky.

"Quiconque ne fait pas partie de la solution, fait partie du problème." (B. Seale).

J. P. Custeau

by arnold bennett

Elon speaks at Hillel

Israeli journalist Amos Elon Wednesday denounced the present Israeli government and called for the restoration of egalitarianism in his society.

"They have been in power too long," he said of the government. "The present leadership has so many hangups, so many past memories, as to make them insensitive to alternative options."

Elon told an audience of McGill Hillel students and members of the Student Zionist Organization that "the government is making an honest effort, but it is ineffective."

"They aren't hypocrites. They're really good people, but they're stupid."

"Most politicians are the same way," he pointed out, "but in other countries there is greater turnover. We've been stuck with the same group for the past 40 years. It is one of the oldest political establishments in the world."

According to Elon, "the electoral system is tailor-made for those who already hold office. They are practically irremovable in their lifetimes."

"But we don't want that the party machines give young arse-lickers jobs. We need to make the politicians directly accountable to the electorate."

Elon maintained that "compared to other countries, even Social Democratic countries like Norway and Denmark, Israel is still a relatively egalitarian society."

But he warned that "pockets of great wealth are developing, compared to large areas of poverty."

"It is a matter of great urgency for us to rectify this situation."

"The purpose of Zionism was not just to set up another nation state," Elon emphasized.

Elon dealt with the growing tension between Jews of Eastern European background (Ashkenazim) and Jews from North Africa and the Arab countries (Sephardim). Sephardi Jews emigrated heavily to Israel in the 1950's. Today they comprise more than half of the population.

"The Ashkenazi-Sephardi issue has been swept under the carpet," said Elon. "Twenty years ago it was assumed that all ethnic and cultural strains would fuse, but the melting pot theory has not worked. Instead a

poverty culture has been transplanted to the second generation."

He pointed out that only 32 per cent of high school graduates, 16 per cent of university freshmen and 8 per cent of university graduates are Sephardim.

"This may reflect the initial backwardness of the immigrants, but it may also reflect the cultural arrogance of the Ashkenazi Jews."

For Elon, the epitome of elitism in Israel is the "Israeli WASP: the white Ashkenazi Socialist with Protectzia" (job security?).

"We must recognize that Israeli culture is made up of many streams and should be a mosaic instead of a melting pot," Elon urged. "The school curriculum must be revamped to appeal to the sensibilities of Sephardi culture."

The rest of the solution, according to Elon, is to raise the Sephardi standard of living, "maintain Israel as a relatively egalitarian society, and decrease the social gaps between the Ashkenazim and the Sephardim. Otherwise they will be self-perpetuating."

"I'm very glad that this Black Panther movement has emerged in Jerusalem," said Elon, referring to Sephardim who have organized demonstrations to protest the conditions of their community.

"They have succeeded in focussing public attention and in dramatizing this issue. Until they acted, priorities in Israel had been concentrated on the war issue."

"The Panthers are asking for more money for education and housing," said Elon. "The government tells them 'Yes, we'd like to do this, but we have this war expenditure.' One of these days the Panthers will turn around and say: 'Is this war really necessary?'"

"After 1967 I feared that the occupation of the Arab territories would lead to a spiralling effect of repression and terrorism," said Elon. "But this has not really come about. The occupation is more humane than I expected it to be, but we should get out of there and let the Palestinian Arabs have their right to self-determination."

But Elon lashed out at international organizations like the United Nations for pressing unsolicited advice on the Israelis. "It seems nowadays that the only people who are expected to act like Christians are the Jews."

According to Elon the greatest failure of the Israeli government has been its real estate policy. He charged that American capital is buying up blocks of apartments in Tel Aviv and renting them out at high prices to immigrants from North America.

He pointed out that the basic principle of Keren Kayemet, the agency which bought land for Jewish settlement in the early twentieth century, was "to eliminate land speculation."

"Even though the government owns 91 per cent of the land, it participates actively in speculation," Elon charged. "It wants money."

"There should be much more public subsidization of housing," Elon declared.

Senate . . .

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future. The university would have to "learn to cooperate or become 'cooperated'."

Senators then exchanged remarks which reflected in their *profondeur* the standard set by Frost.

The final item on the agenda, enticingly entitled "Student Record Design Group", either shocked or embarrassed a number of senators out of their reveries.

The draft calls for "definite, carefully considered guidelines . . . regarding the information kept in Student Records and the conditions governing its disclosure. It cannot and should not be taken for granted that confidentiality will be safeguarded in the absence of such guidelines duly enforced by a specifically designated body. That body should be a small 'watchdog' committee with student representation responsible to the Senate."

Dean d'Ombra pointed out, as did the report, that McGill was not always certain of uses to which confidential records were put.

Science Dean Edward Stanbury didn't think the students were in much danger, however. He argued that although the McGill computers can compute statistics for the use of the government, the government could correlate the statistics better.

Sidney Ingerman, professor of economics, then informed the Senate of a case of a student who asked for his records to be sent to a possible employer; the latter was advised by those sending the records not to hire him as he had taken part in certain demonstrations.

Several senators expressed surprise at this and made clear that it was not part of university policy to allow items not related to academic records to circulate. Nevertheless, many individual departments and professors have their own specific files on students. Even Bell admitted this.

D'Ombra then said that incidents similar to the one Ingerman had described happened quite often. A few senators cited their experience of "things slipping inadvertently into confidential files."

D'Ombra was also annoyed about item three under "C. Disclosure to the Student Himself." The item read: "The university may refuse a student's request for a transcript only for sufficient cause, such as *serious indebtedness* to the university." He questioned the legality of this.

It was pointed out that some students are refused their diplomas until they have paid their fines for overdue library books. Serious indebtedness? Frost remarked, "All our students are indebted to this university."

D'Ombra later referred to a system whereby a number is exchanged for a name but the information given out for a purpose such as government

statistics remains the same, in fact not aggregate, as the draft states, but individual. He also expressed a "growing concern that these numbers leak" to the wrong places.

The report's concern over the "tendency to take advantage of the computer's facility for processing and storing many items" was acknowledged by some, and Senate decided to send the report back to the Committee for review and revision.

Stomach clocks sounded and the meeting ended.

Doctors . . .

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sure that their techniques are safe.

■ Bethune's spirit of selflessness. The Canadian doctor, internationalist and communist always put his patients and the struggles of oppressed peoples above himself.

Dr. Chen related how Bethune was scheduled to make a short visit to Canada before his death but postponed the trip on hearing of an upcoming Japanese attack.

Chinese doctors follow Bethune's example by taking medicine to the people instead of waiting for the people to come to them. They do this no

matter what obstacles lie in their path.

This is one of the reasons for fewer cancer deaths in China, explained Dr. Chen. Because the doctors go into the masses, they detect cancer cases before they become incurable.

Dr. Chen's colleague, Dr. Ha Hsien-Wen, Deputy Director of the Surgery Department at Jihtan Hospital and also associated with the Academy of Medical Sciences in Peking, expressed his pleasure at being "in the homeland of Dr. Bethune."

He told the students that although Bethune is buried in China, his spirit lives on in the hearts of the Chinese people.

"We should always follow Dr. Bethune's methods," he said. "We should integrate with the masses and learn from them."



Dr. Chen Wen-Chieh

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MONTEREGIAN GEOLOGY CLUB, general meeting-film will be shown-FDA building, Rm. 232, new members welcome-Monday Nov. 15, 1 P.M.

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